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APPLICATION NO: 09/883,572

FILED: JUNE 18, 2001

FOR: CGMP PDE 5 INHIBITORS FOR INHALATION IN THE TREATMENT  
OF SEXUAL DYSFUNCTIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 14, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 14, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$ 110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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